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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL DANANG OCTOBER 30TH  
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SUBJECT DANANG RALLY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT AND OTHER POLITICAL  
 MANIFESTATIONS

1. APPROXIMATELY 10,000 DANANG CITIZENS TOOK PART OCTOBER 30, 1972 IN ONE-HOUR RALLY IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT. CONSULATE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEE PRESENT AS OBSERVER ESTIMATES THAT 40 PERCENT OF PARTICIPANTS WERE MEMBERS PEOPLE'S SELF-DEFENSE FORCE UNITS, 20 PERCENT STUDENTS, 20 PERCENT GOVERNMENT CIVILIANS EMPLOYEES AND 20 PERCENT LABOR UNION MEMBERS. VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTY MEMBERS WERE INCLUDED WITHIN RANKS OF ABOVE GROUPS.
2. RALLY WAS ORGANIZED BY "DANANG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC'S REGIME. THIS PARTICULAR NOMENCLATURE MAY HAVE SOME SLIGHT SIGNIFICANCE. PREVIOUS DANANG "PEOPLE'S RALLIEYAWRNIFOLLO WING NVA APRIL INVASION HERE ORGANIZED UNIQUELY "IN DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM." WHILE MANY OF ITS THEMES HAD FAMILIAR NATIONALISTIC RING, TODAY'S RALLY ALSO INCORPORATED IDEA OF SOLID SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT THIEU'S ADMINISTRATION AS THE ESSENTIAL VEHICLE FOR DEFENSE OF RVN. ACTIVE COOPERATION OF DANANG MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WAS APPARENT. STUDENTS OVER ; 63-4, TEACHERS AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WERE EXCUSED FROM DUTIES TO ATTEND.

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NUMERICALLY, RALLY TODAY WAS BY FAR THE LARGEST OF THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED RALLIES HELD DURING PAST YEAR IN DANANG.

3. BRIEF SPEECHES WERE MADE BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FARMER-WORKER PARTY, DANANG CHAIRMAN REVOLUTIONARY DAI VIET PARTY, CHAIRMAN DANANG MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, CHAIRMAN DANANG CVG, CHAIRMAN DANANG GREATER REPUBLICAN MASSES PARTY, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE, AND DANANG MAYOR KHOI. RALLY'S ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE WAS HEADED BY HUYHN GIAO, CHAIRMAN OF DANANG FARMER WORKER PARTY. ALSO PRESENT ON REVIEWING STAND WERE LEADERS OF CATHOLIC CHURCH, CAO DAI, AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS.

4. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION TO RALLY PARTICIPANTS. WE BELIEVE IT INTERESTING AS EXAMPLE OF INSTRUCTIONS BEING GIVEN AVERAGE CITIZEN DAY AHEAD. QUOTE: ATTENTION, PEOPLE OF DANANG... BEFORE THE CEASE-FIRE, WHEN THE ORDERS FOR A CEASE FIRE ARE GIVEN, AND AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE.. PEOPLE MUST REMAIN CALM AND CONTINUE IN THEIR NORMAL DAILY ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE PRESENTLY EXISTING ADMINISTRATION AND LAWS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

5. THE NATIONAL LAWS MUST BE THOROUGHLY RESPECTED. DO NOT BECOME CONFUSED OR AGITATED BY THE PROPAGANDA AND DISTORTED ARGUMENTS OF THE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS! DO NOT RESPOND TO OR TAKE PART IN ILLEGAL MEETINGS, DEMONSTRATIONS, STRIKES OR WORK-STOPPAGES INSPIRED AND ASSISTED BY THE COMMUNISTS! EVERY PERSON AND EVERY HOUSE MUST REGULARLY DISPLAY THE NATIONAL FLAG OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

6. QUICKLY DENOUNCE COMMUNIST PLOTS; SPEEDILY QUELL ANY WHO WOULD RISE UP TO CAUSE TROUBLE; MUZZLE THOSE GANGS OF LAWLESS WHO SPREAD RUMORS. POINT OUT DESERTERS, THIEVES AND VAGABONDS. SUPPORT AND JOIN HANDS WITH THE ARMY, POLICE AND PSDF IN THE PRESERVATION OF SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER, IN THE DEFENSE OF THE PEOPLES' LIVES AND PROPERTY. END QUOTE.

7. AS FAR AS CONSULATE CAN DETERMINE, THERE WAS NO PARTICIPATION IN RALLY OR ON ORGANIZING COMMITTEE BY LAI OR SECULAR LEADERS IDENTIFIED WITH THE AN QUANG BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION.

8. DANANG STREETS AND VEHICLES HAVE SPROUTED THOUSANDS OF RVN FLAGS. IN ADDITION, NUMEROUS PAINTED BANNERS ADORN STREETS.

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THEMES ARE INTENSELY PATRIOTIC, CONDEMNING COMMUNISM IN STANDARD LANGUAGE AND CALLING ON PEOPLE TO DEFEND HOMELAND. WHILE CONDEMNATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO BEEN STANDARD FOR MONTHS, NEW THEMES APPEARING IN RECENT DAYS INCLUDE ATTACKS AGAINST IDEA OF TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT AND PROCLAMATION THAT "ONLY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE POLITICAL DECISIONS AFFECTING THEIR COUNTRY."

9. ALSO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED THESE DAYS ARE BANNERS COMMEMORATING PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM AND EXTROLLING PEOPLE TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE IN COMBATING COMMUNISM. CONSULATE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THESE BANNERS HAVE BEEN RAISED BY GROUP OF LT

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HEADED BY CHAIRMAN OF DANANG GREATER REPUBLICAN MASSES PARTY, AND THAT CITY GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY APPROVED OF BANNERS OUT HELPED RAISE THEM. GDS. BROWNUNQUOTE: BUNKER

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